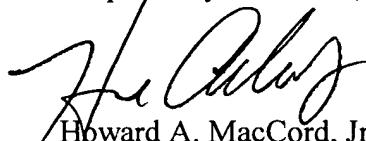


Remarks

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 6, 2004, stated the amendment filed on November 18, 2004 was considered non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, namely, the amendments to the specification did not include proper markings. As stated on the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment "Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety)..." Therefore, we have resubmitted only the Amendments to Specification section including a marked up version and a replacement "clean" version generated by the word processing feature to indicate changes per our Amendment filed November 18, 2004, for the Examiner's review.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, he is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record.

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